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FURTHER PROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF THE PROGRAMME AND METHODS OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION

Colombia* (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China): draft resolution

1998/.. Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

The Commission on Human Rights,

Reaffirming its commitment to promoting international cooperation, as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Article 1, paragraph 3, as well as relevant provisions of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, for enhancing genuine cooperation among Member States in the field of human rights,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 51/100 of 12 December 1996 and 52/134 of 12 December 1997,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Recognizing that the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights is essential for the full achievement of the purpose of the United Nations, including the effective promotion and protection of all human rights,

Reaffirming the importance of ensuring the principle of the universality, objectivity and non-selectivity of consideration of human rights issues, and underlining the importance of the promotion of mutual understanding, genuine dialogue and cooperation on human rights issues,

Taking note of the adoption of resolution 1997/38 of 28 August 1997 entitled "Promotion of dialogue on human rights issues" by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its fifty-fifth session,

1. Welcomes the statement made by the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights at the 70th meeting of its fifty-third session, on 18 April 1997 (E/1997/23-E/CN.4/1997/150, para. 34), and recognizes the need to build on this initiative;

2. Calls upon Member States, intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies to continue to carry out constructive dialogue and consultations for the enhancement of understanding and the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages non-governmental organizations to contribute actively to this endeavour;

3. Requests all relevant United Nations human rights mechanisms and procedures to pay due attention to the important role of international cooperation, mutual understanding and genuine dialogue in ensuring the promotion and protection of human rights;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-fifth session a report on ways and means of enhancing the international cooperation, dialogue and mutual understanding in the field of human rights;

5. Decides to continue the consideration of this question at its fifty-fifth session.